

# **Minutes**

## **City of Carrollton Mayor and Council Meeting**

### **January 7, 2008**

### **6:00 p.m.**

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**Public Safety Complex, Court/Council Chambers, 115 West Center Street, Carrollton, Georgia**

#### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Monday, January 7, 2008 at 6:05 p.m. in the Public Safety Annex Building, 115 West Center Street, Carrollton, Georgia. Mayor Wayne Garner called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Members present: Councilmember Peter Balega, Councilmember Gerald Byrd, Councilmember Rusty Gray and Councilmember Mandy Maierhofer.

Mayor Garner welcomed everyone and explained the meeting procedures. Mayor Garner also stated he wanted express his appreciation to the public for their trust in the current Mayor and Council. Mayor Garner recapped projects and problems solved since this Mayor and Council had been in office.

#### **II. INVOCATION**

Councilmember Byrd offered the invocation.

#### **III. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

There were none

#### **IV. MINUTES (November 5, 2007)**

**Motion by Councilmember Gray seconded by Councilmember Balega to approve the Minutes of the November 5, 2007 meeting of the Mayor and Council. Motion passed, (5-0).**

#### **V. ITEMS OF DISCUSSION**

##### **1. Oath of Office (Mayor, Ward III Councilmember and Ward IV Councilmember)**

The Oath of Office was administered to Wayne Garner for the Office of Mayor, Peter Balega for the Office of Ward III Councilmember, and Mandy Maierhofer for the Office of Ward IV Councilmember.

##### **2. Certificates of Valor for Life Saving Heroism: John Bailey and Ben Hearn**

The Mayor and Council presented Certificates of Valor for Life Saving Heroism to Ben Hearn and John Bailey (not in attendance) for saving the life of a motorist that had driven their vehicle into Sony Lake and were trapped underwater. Fire Chief Jimmy Bearden and Police Chief Joel Richards also presented awards to Mr. Hearn for his heroic efforts.

At this time, Councilmember Byrd announced he wanted to recognize two little heroes: Taylor Fontenot and Nicole Chelsey for their efforts in collecting funds for the Carroll County Animal Shelter. Councilmember Byrd stated that one of the girls had recently had a birthday and requested that in lieu of

birthday gifts, that donatable items or money be given to the Shelter. Councilmember Byrd presented both girls with small gifts of appreciation and a donation to the Carroll County Animal Shelter

**3. Annexation and Rezoning Request: Rezone to M-1 Light Industrial**

**Property Location: 555 Columbia Drive**

**Petitioner: Edward LeBlanc**

A public hearing was held to receive citizen input on a request from petitioner Edward LeBlanc to annex and rezone property located at 555 Columbia Drive to M-1 Light Industrial. Planning and Zoning Administrator Charles Griffin reported that the proposed purpose of the property was to conduct an impound yard, wrecker service and associated office use. PZA Griffin reported that the Planning Commission had unanimously recommended approval of the request. At this time Mayor Garner opened the public hearing to receive citizen input. Those speaking in favor: None. Those speaking opposed: None. With no further discussion on the matter, **Motion by Councilmember Byrd, seconded by Councilmember Gray to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve annexation and rezoning to M-1 Light Industrial of 555 Columbia Drive. Motion passed, (5-0).**

**4. Resolution 01-2008: Alcohol Ordinance Amendment**

City Manager Coleman presented for consideration, RESOLUTION 01-2008: Alcohol Ordinance Amendment. City Manager Coleman reported that the amendment, if adopted would be to allow establishments serving alcohol that are required to purchase a \$5,000 alcohol license to have the option of paying the full amount prior to December 31 of the preceding year for their license or making four (4) equal payments during the year of the license. City Manager Coleman stated that the amendment is an effort to assist our smaller establishments that may be having cash flow problems at years end. **Motion by Councilmember Maierhofer, seconded by Councilmember Gray to adopt Resolution 01-2008 to amend the Alcohol Ordinance to allow for quarterly installment payments on Alcohol licensure for establishments serving alcohol. Motion passed, (5-0).**

**5. Board Appointment:**

**a. West Carrollton Enterprise Zone Committee (1)**

**Motion by Mayor Wayne Garner, seconded by Councilmember Gray to appoint Councilmember Gerald Byrd to fill the vacant term of Mr. John Pershing on the West Carrollton Enterprise Zone Committee. Motion passed, (5-0).**

**b. Carrollton Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Commission (2)**

**Motion by Councilmember Gray, seconded by Councilmember Byrd to reappoint Dr. Thomas Reeves (new term expires 10/01/10) and Mr. Ben Garrett (new term expires 10/01/10) to the Carrollton Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Commission. Motion passed, (5-0).**

**c. Main Street Board (3)**

**Motion by Councilmember Maierhofer, seconded by Councilmember Byrd to reappoint Mr. Russell Shadrix (new term expires 12/31/10) and appoint Ms. Anita Hayes (new term expires 12/31/10) and Ms. Ann Newman (new term expires 12/31/10) to the Main Street Board. Motion passed, (5-0).**

**d. Carrollton Redevelopment Authority (4)**

**Motion by Councilmember Gray, seconded by Councilmember Byrd to reappoint Mr. Michael Seaton (new term expires 12/31/10) to the Carrollton Redevelopment Authority. Motion passed, (5-0).** The other vacancies will be reconsidered at a later date.

**e. Carrollton Payroll Development Authority (1)**

**Motion by Mayor Wayne Garner, seconded by Councilmember Gray to appoint Carroll County Commission Chairman Bill Chappell (new term expires 12/31/10) to the Carrollton Payroll Development Authority. Motion passed, (5-0).**

**f. Carroll County Water Authority (1)**

**Motion by Councilmember Byrd, seconded by Councilmember Gray to appoint Assistant City Manager Tim Grizzard (new term expires 12/31/10) to the Carroll County Water Authority. Motion passed, (5-0).**

**g. Carrollton Planning Commission (3)**

**Motion by Councilmember Maierhofer, seconded by Councilmember Gray to reappoint Mr. Bobby McMillian (new term expires 12/31/10) and appoint Mr. Joe Neil (new term expires 12/31/10) and Mr. Joe Garrett (new term expires 12/31/10) to the Carrollton Planning Commission. Motion passed, (5-0).**

**VI. MAYOR AND COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Councilmember Byrd:** Expressed appreciation to the citizens of Carrollton and the City Staff. Thanked the Police, Fire and Recreation Departments for the holiday parties he attended and gifts received.

**Councilmember Gray:** Congratulated the Mayor and fellow Councilmembers for their re-election to office.

**Councilmember Balega:** Requested a work session to discuss ideas for the new SPLOST that will be offered as a referendum later in the year.

**Mayor Garner:** Expressed appreciation to City Manager Coleman for his excellent management of the City and his frugality and cited him the best City Manager in the State!

**VII. CITY MANAGER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

City Manager Coleman thanked the Mayor and Council for their kind words and expressed appreciation to Mr. Ben Hearn for his courageous acts in saving the life of the motorist trapped in the lake.

**VIII. ADJOURN**

There being no further business to address, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.